IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

PAUL D. YAZZIE,

Plaintiff,

v. No. CV 19-503 CG

ANDREW SAUL, Commissioner of the Social Security Administration,

Defendant.

ORDER GRANTING UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR ATTORNEY FEES UNDER EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT

THIS MATTER is before the Court on Plaintiff's *Unopposed Motion for Attorney*Fees and Costs Pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA) (the "Motion"),

(Doc. 25), filed April 9, 2020. The Court, having reviewed the Motion and noting it is unopposed, finds the Motion is well-taken and shall be **GRANTED**.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that attorney fees are hereby awarded under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d), payable to Plaintiff and mailed to Plaintiff's attorney in the amount of \$4,161.60. Astrue v. Ratliff, 560 U.S. 586, 598 (2010) (EAJA fees are paid to the prevailing party, not the attorney).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT if Plaintiff's counsel receives attorney fees under both the EAJA and 42 U.S.C. § 406(b) of the Social Security Act, Plaintiff's counsel shall refund the smaller award to Plaintiff pursuant to *Weakley v. Bowen*, 803 F.2d 575, 580 (10th Cir. 1986).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

THE HONORABLE CARMEN E. GARZA CHIEF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE